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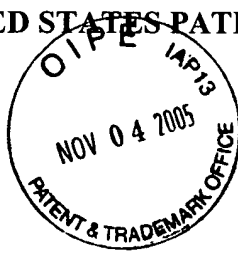
In re Application of

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For GRAPPLING ARM ASSEMBLY WITH LATCHING :
MEANS



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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Patent Office communication of August 4, 2005, Applicant requests that the subject application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.